

### REMARKS

This paper is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 26, 2006.

Claim 1, 7, and 11 are currently amended in the Application.

Claim 10, 11, 14, and 15 have been cancelled from the Application.

Claim 16 is new in the Application

Claim 1 - 16 are currently pending in the Application.

#### I. Oath/Declaration

The Office Action objected to the Oath/Declaration as being defective. Applicant has amended the Oath/Declaration to clarify that the priority document was "CO-PENDING". Applicant believes that the amendment made now puts the Oath/Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a). A substitute Oath/Declaration has been included in ATTACHMENT A. Reconsideration of the objection in view of the amendment is respectfully requested.

#### II. Claims Objections

The Office Action objected Claims 1 - 15 because of informalities. Applicant hereby amends Claims 1 and 7 to correct the informalities mentioned in the Office Action. Applicant believes no new matter has been added with these amendments. Reconsideration of the objections in view of the amendment is respectfully requested.

### III. Claim Rejections 35 USC § 102

The Office Action rejected Claim 14 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Barree* (US Patent 4,776,618). Applicant has cancelled Claim 14. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### IV. Claim Rejections 35 USC § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 - 9, 12 - 13 and 15 as being unpatentable over *Barree* (US Patent 4,776,618).

Applicant has amended Claim 1 by adding allowable subject matter of Claim 10 made allowable by the Examiner. Applicant believes that Claim 1 as currently written is distinguished from *Barree*. Since Claims 2 - 9 and 12 - 13 include all the limitations of independent Claim 1, Applicant believes that Claims 2 - 9 and 12 - 13 are also distinguished from *Barree*. Applicant believes no new matter has been added with the amendments. Reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicant has cancelled Claim 15. Reconsideration of the rejection to Claim 15 is respectfully requested.

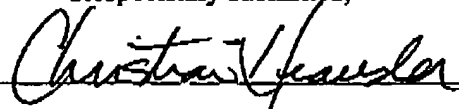
### V. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action noted that Claims 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has cancelled Claim 10 and incorporated the subject matter into independent Claim 1. Applicant has also cancelled Claim 11 and written a new Claim 16 incorporating the subject matter of Claim 11, including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims.

Applicant believes no new matter has been added with these amendments. Reconsideration of this Application with the amended claims in view of the remarks expressed throughout this response is respectfully requested. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time and attention to this matter. Applicant believes the Claims as now provided are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Attachment A – Substitute Oath/Declaration

**ATTACHMENT A**

PATENT APPLICATION  
Atty. Dkt. No. 1237.01A

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor(s), we hereby declare that:

**1. Type of Application**

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original  
☐ divisional  
☐ continuation  
☐ continuation in part

**2. Inventorship Identification**

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names. We believe we are the original, first and sole/joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SELF ENERGIZING CONNECTOR**

**3. Specification Identification**

The specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, executed on even date herewith;  
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. § 119/120)**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119/120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national

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or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 119/120:					
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#### 5. Acknowledgment of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

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6. Power of Attorney

We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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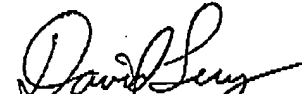
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7. Declaration

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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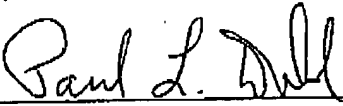
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